

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An apparatus for positioning an element in a borehole, the apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length, and wherein the apparatus defines an interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

2. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper and lower positioning means each comprises a frame, the frames defining the interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

3. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the upper and lower positioning means are

provided with a guide means for adjusting the plan position of an element within the interior space.

4. (previously presented). An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the guide means comprises a first and a second pair of rollers which are moveable in mutually orthogonal directions across the interior space.

5. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the connection comprises wire ropes.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the connection comprises chains.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~anyone of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the connection comprises link arms.

8. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the connection comprises a pair of arms provided on one of the positioning means which are

are telescopically received in a pair of conduits provided on the other positioning means.

9. (previously presented) A method of positioning an element in a borehole, the method comprising the steps of:

- i) placing into the borehole an apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length;
- ii) lowering the element into an interior space defined by the apparatus to a required depth within the borehole; and
- iii) adjusting the upper and lower positioning means to achieve the desired plan position and orientation of the element.

10. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein before placing the apparatus into the borehole, a temporary shaft lining tube is placed within the borehole.

11. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the orientation of the apparatus is fixed relative to the temporary casing by means of a plurality of locking rams.